

# Reconstructing Iraq

## Providing Emergency Humanitarian Relief



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USAID assembled the largest ever U.S. humanitarian rapid response team and positioned stockpiles of emergency supplies and commodities to ensure that emergency humanitarian relief was readily available for the Iraqi people.

Thanks to months of thorough planning and the distribution of emergency supplies by U.S. and international humanitarian organizations, the humanitarian crisis in Iraq that many were predicting did not materialize.

### On behalf of the American people, USAID:

- Provided 516,800 metric tons of food worth over \$389 million through the World Food Program (WFP), the largest food aid mobilization and distribution operation in its history.
- Sent in one of the largest ever Disaster Assistance Response Teams, including more than 60 doctors, public health professionals, water and sanitation experts, food distribution and agricultural specialists, logisticians, security officers, and specialists in internally displaced persons and abuse prevention.
- Positioned substantial amounts of food and supplies prior to the war: water, hygiene and health kits, blankets and plastic sheeting. Awarded grants to UN agencies and NGOs so they were staffed and prepared to respond.
- Repaired water and sanitation facilities quickly in Ar Rutbah, Al Basrah, and Arbil, and furnished emergency health care assistance in Baghdad, Mosul, Al Basrah, al Nasariyah, Maysan, Wasit, and Ar Rutbah.
- Distributed dozens of medical kits, each containing enough medicine and supplies for 10,000 people for three months.

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